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SUBJECT: PRESS COVERAGE OF SHCHARANSKY TRIAL

1. SHIPLER FRONT-PAGE STORY IN JULY 12 NYT COVERING FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS IN TRIAL REPORTS THAT REGULAR CONTACTS WITH US REPORTERS FORM MAIN BASIS FOR SOVIET GOVERNMENT CHARGES OF TREASON AND ESPIONAGE AGAINST HIM AND QUOTES LEONID SHCHARANSKY AS SAYING TOTH HAD BEEN CITED BY NAME IN THE INDICTMENT AS CIA AGENT. STORY ALSO REFERS BRIEFLY TO FILATOV CASE AND CONCLUDES DETAILS OF TASS ACCOUNT OF TRIAL APPEAR TO TALLY WITH THOSE IN IZVESTIYA STORY ON MARTHA PETERSON. ALSO ON FRONT-PAGE MARTIN TOLCHIN REPORTS PRESIDENT'S CONDEMNATION OF TRIALS IN INTERVIEW WITH
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EUROPEAN TV CORRESPONDENTS AND QUOTES SENIOR WHITE HOUSE AIDES AS SAYING ADMINISTRATION IS REVIEWING ALL TRADE, TECHNOLOGICAL AND SCIENTIFIC EXCHANGES WITH THE USSR WITH A VIEW TO ENDING THOSE "MOST BENEFICIAL TO THE SOVIET UNION." STORY ALSO REFERS TO "GROWING DEBATE" WITHIN ADMINISTRATION OVER POSSIBLE CANCELLATION OF EXPORT DEALS AND REPORTS THAT BRZEZINSKI AIDE IN SUPPORT OF CANCELLATION

URGED SENATOR MOYNIHAN TO RAISE THE MATTER PUBLICLY.

2. SEPARATE PAGE 4 STORY BY RICHARD BURT IDENTIFIES AIDE
(QUOTING GOVERNMENTAL OFFICIALS) AS SAMUEL HUNTINGTON

(WHO DENIED, HOWEVER, THAT HE HAD URGED MOYNIHAN TO TAKE
PUBLIC STAND AGAINST SALES). IN SPEECH SUPPORTING
CANCELLATION OF SALES ON SENATE FLOOR, MOYNIHAN CITED
"UNCOMMON PERSISTENCE" WITH WHICH THE OPPONENTS OF SALES
"HAVE PRESSED THEIR CASE." ADMINISTRATION OFFICIALS WERE
SAID TO HAVE EXPRESSED ANNOYANCE OVER THE EPISODE AND
SAID IT THREATENED TO EXACERBATE ALREADY STRAINED
RELATIONS BETWEEN STATE DEPARTMENT AND WHITE HOUSE OVER
ISSUE OF LINKING TRADE TO DISSIDENTS TRIALS. OFFICIALS
WERE FURTHER QUOTED AS SAYING EFFORTS EARLIER THIS WEEK
BY HUNTINGTON AND OTHER NSC OFFICIALS HAD THREATENED
CURRENT VANCE-GROMYKO SALT TALKS. STATE DEPARTMENT,
TREASURY AND COMMERCE ALLEGEDLY OPPOSE CANCELLATION OF
DEALS ON GROUNDS THAT IT WOULD NOT AFFECT MOSCOW'S HUMAN
RIGHTS PERFORMANCE BUT WOULD HURT AMERICAN ECONOMIC
INTERESTS. BRZEZINSKI AIDES SAID TO FEEL THAT MOSCOW'S
GROWING TECHNOLOGICAL DEPENDENCE ON THE US, PARTICULARLY
IN CRUCIAL FIELD OF ENERGY TECHNOLOGY, OFFERS OPPORTUNITY
FOR US TO INFLUENCE SOVIET POLICIES. BURT ALSO REPORTS
JODY POWELL COMMENT ("THESE THINGS ARE BEST HANDLED
INTERNALLY"), WHILE STATE DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS ARE SAID
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TO HAVE CALLED MR. HUNTINGTON'S ACTION IMPROPER.

3. GWERTZMAN PAGE 4 STORY ON VANCE-GROMYKO TALKS REPORTS
VANCE CONVEYED PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE TO BREZHNEV ON
DISSIDENTS, BUT NOTES ANDREW YOUNG COMMENTS HAD EFFECT
OF PUBLICLY DILUTING ADMINISTRATION'S INDIGNATION. MOOD
OF TALKS SAID TO BE CORDIAL DESPITE STRAINS OVER DISSIDENTS
WITH BOTH SECRETARY AND GROMYKO SAID TO BE CLEARLY SEEKING
TO AVOID ACRIMONY OVER THE SHCHARANSKY CASE.

4. OTHER INSIDE COVERAGE INCLUDES AP STORY ON ANDREW
YOUNG COMMENTS IN LE MONDE INTERVIEW; FLORA LEWIS STORY
REPORTING MRS. SCHARANSKY'S FEARS FOR HER HUSBAND'S
EXECUTION AND HER PREDICTION OF WAVE OF REPRESSION, AND
TANNER STORY ON CPI CRITICISM OF TRIAL.

5. WASHINGTON POST CARRIES TWO FRONT PAGE STORIES UNDER
HEADLINE PRESIDENT PROTESTS TO SOVIETS ABOUT TRIALS.
DON OBERDORFER STORY REPORTED PRESIDENT'S CONDEMNATION
OF TRIALS IN INTERVIEW AS WELL AS THROUGH MESSAGE TO
BREZHNEV GIVEN TO GROMYKO AND SAID TRIALS WERE
UNDENIABLY COMPLICATING FACTOR IN VANCE-GROMYKO TALKS.

HE REPORTS GROMYKO'S ABRUPT REFUSAL TO DISCUSS
DISSIDENTS ISSUE WITH CBS CORRESPONDENT MARVIN KALB
AND IRRITATION OF VANCE PARTY OFFICIALS AT ANDREW
YOUNG COMMENTS. RICHARD HOMAN REPORTS ADMINISTRATION
OPENLY CRITICAL FOR FIRST TIME OF ANDREW YOUNG'S
REMARKS ON POLITICAL PRISONERS IN US. STATE DEPARTMENT
OFFICIALS QUOTED AS SAYING SECRETARY'S REACTION
"UNPRINTABLE." ALSO REPORTED ARE JODY POWELL COMMENT
THAT YOUNG STATEMENT DID NOT REFLECT ADMINISTRATION
POLICY; ADVERSE COMMENTS FROM SENATORS GOLDWATER AND
BARTLETT AND USG EXPECTATIONS THAT KREMLIN WOULD
SEIZE ON STATEMENT.

6. KLOSE STORY ON P. 12 REPORTS "UNEXPECTED, PROSECUTION
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REQUEST FOR LESS THAN FULL SENTENCE FOR GINZBURG AND
REPORTS FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS IN SHCHIRANSKY TRIAL,
NOTING THAT OFFICIAL COURT STATEMENTS HAVE NEVER
IDENTIFIED ANY AMERICAN BY NAME OR NATIONALITY. HE
ALSO REPORTS REFUSAL OF SOVIET AUTHORITIES TO TRANSMIT
FILM OF SCENE OUTSIDE COURTHOUSE. WP ALSO CARRIES
TEXT OF TOTL LA TIMES ARTICLE DENYING HE HAD
COLLECTED SECRET INFORMATION.

7. SEPARATE STORY REPORTS GROWING CRITICISM IN
CONGRESS OVER PRESIDENT'S SOVIET POLICY, WITH INCREASING
PRESSURES FOR TOUGHER ACTION TO PROTEST TRIAL, BUT
REBUFFED EFFORT BY REP. ASHBROOK TO CALL FOR SUSPENSION
OF SALT. JACKSON RENEWED CALL FOR SALT POSTPONEMENT
FOLLOWING MEETING WITH PRESIDENT. IN OTHER COMMENT,
HOUSE MINORITY LEADER RHODES CALLED PRESIDENT'S HUMAN
RIGHTS POLICY AN "UNMITIGATED DISASTER" AND CALLED FOR
A RETURN TO KISSINGER "GENTLE NUDGE" POLICIES. CHRISTOPHER

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